

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 18, 1871.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

AN ACT

To regulate the grade of Maryland avenue from the end of the Long Bridge to Twelfth street.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad company are
4 hereby authorized, at the expense of said company, to change
5 the grade of Maryland avenue so as to establish a descending
6 grade of one and seventy-five-one-hundredths feet per one
7 hundred feet from the center of Twelfth street south to the
8 center of Thirteen-and-a-half street south, and a descending
9 grade of one and thirty-one hundredths feet per one hundred
10 feet from the center of Thirteen-and-a-half street south to the
11 top of the abutment of the Long Bridge over the Potomac
12 River, as newly constructed, the present grade at the center
13 of Twelfth street south to be reduced two feet, and the level
14 of the top of the new abutment of the Long Bridge not to
15 be more than nine feet above the height of the old abutment;

16 *Provided*, That if any actual damage shall be sustained by
17 the owners of any property on said avenue, or on the streets
18 connecting therewith, by reason of such change of grade,
19 said railroad shall pay such damages as shall be sustained, to
20 be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction in the Dis-
21 trict of Columbia: *Provided further*, That such change of
22 grade shall be made under the supervision of the proper mu-
23 nicipal authorities of the city of Washington or of the Dis-
24 trict of Columbia, and in the manner to be approved by said
25 municipal authority.

Passed the House of Representatives February 17, 1871.

Attest: EDWARD McPHERSON, *Clerk*.